

SHERIFF'S OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 2007

I. Department-wide

- On March 22nd, a Doney Park Homeowners Meeting was held to help coordinate a Neighborhood Watch program and address concerns of people about crime in the area. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for May 3rd.
- On March 30th – April 1st, Coconino County Sheriff's Office participated in the Flagstaff Home and Garden Show. KAFF radio donated two booths for law enforcement: one for Flagstaff Police and one for the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office shared it's space with Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Search and Rescue (SAR), Flagstaff Fire Department (for FireWise), Coconino Emergency Services & Red Cross (Emergency Preparedness), and Coconino Career Center. In addition, the Sheriff's Office had information on our Volunteer Program and Recruitment for Detention Officers.
- Williams Patrol Volunteers assisted with the Williams Easter Egg Hunt.



- The department is preparing for the Law Enforcement Torch Run and related fundraisers. Important dates: April 29th – Page leg of the torch run; May 1st – Williams leg of the torch run; May 2nd Flagstaff leg of the torch run; May 4th – Opening Ceremonies at ASU Sun Angels Stadium.
- On April 21st a Bass Fishing Tournament at Roosevelt Lake was held as a fundraiser for Special Olympics. Several of our staff helped coordinate the event. These staff also organized a golf tournament fundraiser at Oak Creek Country for August 5th. The fundraiser events are a new addition to the Law Enforcement efforts to support Special Olympics. Lt. Donna Womble and Angela Rodriguez have been instrumental as our agency representatives in the statewide coordination.
- On April 17th, several employees from the Sheriff's Office participated in a program providing Flagstaff High School Seniors practice with interviewing.
- Homeowners Meetings – During spring and summer, many neighborhoods have homeowners meetings. The Sheriff's Office works diligently to have officers and staff present at the meetings to answer questions and talk about public safety. Recently, on April 14th, the Sheriff and staff attended a Homeowners meeting in the Blue Ridge area. Several more are scheduled in the next several months. On April 28th, our Community Programs Planner attended a Greenthaven (Page area) homeowners meeting and introduced the Neighborhood Watch program to the residents.

II. Search & Rescue (SAR)

Search and Rescue Events

- On March 25th SAR responded to a report of a lost hiker in the Mt. Elden area. The hiker was located on the Mt. Elden Lookout Road with the assistance of DPS Air Rescue. Based on DPS's information, SAR volunteers on the ground were able to locate him and transport him back to his vehicle at Buffalo Park.
- On March 28th Search and Rescue conducted an internal Train the Trainer course for our GPS class in order to expand the number of qualified SAR volunteers that can teach the course.
- During March 31st – April 3rd, the SAR Coordinator assisted with phone investigations and provided consultation for patrol deputies who were responding to motorists needing assistance on forest and county roads. This helped the deputies in locating the parties without having to initiate a full Search and Rescue call-out.
- On April 2nd the Search and Rescue Unit responded to a report of a lost hiker in the Mountaineer / Pumphouse Wash area. The victim was located with the assistance of DPS Air Rescue and was flown to Flagstaff Medical Center. The victim stated that he had been lost on foot in the area for 5 days.
- On April 10th SAR responded to a downed aircraft in the Thousand Pockets area near Page. SAR volunteers assisted deputies and Criminal Investigations with body recovery of the two occupants of the aircraft who died in the crash.
- On April 12th SAR responded to a report of an overdue/missing German hiker in the Little Colorado River Gorge area west of Tuba City. The search continued through April 17th. Detectives from our Criminal Investigations Unit were instrumental in assisting. Other agencies that assisted with the search included AZ Department of Public Safety Air Rescue, Navajo Police Department, Arizona Division of Emergency Management, the National Park Service-Grand Canyon, Mohave County, Cochise County, Graham County, Gila County, and Navajo County. Over 1,600 person hours and approximately 50 helicopter hours were committed to the search. To date, the hiker has not been found. The search is in the "limited continuous" mode in which leads are investigated as they develop.
- On April 21st a search was initiated for an overdue trail runner in the Hidden Hollow area. SAR units were dispatched to the area. The runner returned.
- On April 29th, a follow-up SAR operation will occur for the missing German hiker near the Little Colorado River Gorge.

Donations & Grants

- The Sheriff's Office received four Automated External Defibrillators from Sedona Fire District. Two of the units will be assigned to SAR, the other two units will be assigned to deputies.
- SAR received two pallets (approximately 2,500 bottles) of Gatorade donated by Pepsico in Tolleson, AZ

Trainings

- On April 10th SAR conducted a new member orientation. The new members will attend intensive training through May in order to get them ready to serve as a SAR volunteer in the field. Training includes Personal Safety, Map and Compass, Basic GPS, Basic Map Tracking, Basic SAR Theory and Tactics, Communications, Legal Issues, and Basic ATV use.
- April 16th-20th, SAR Volunteers Victor Walco (Flagstaff SAR) and Jeff Reed (Page SAR) attended the National Park Service Basic Technical Rescue Course in Moab, Utah

III. Patrol

- The Sheriff's Office received a \$55,000 grant from the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) to purchase a Firearms Training System. Special thanks to Lieutenant Christian and Corporal Anton who wrote the grant.

IV. Detention

- Detention Officers Campbell, Franks, & Pugh used Inter Personal Skills during a booking to intervene female who had taken several narcotics prior to booking. They were able to get her to the hospital to get her immediate necessary medical attention.
- EXODUS Treatment Program will begin selecting inmates for the program during the end of April / first part of May. Eight inmates will be moved to the designated holding area Friday May 4th. They will start group processing with the new counselor Nancy Shoaff the following week on Tuesday or Wednesday.
- In March, the (Inmate) Women's Sewing Program received a donation of a large amount of fabric and spools of thread from Richard and Dorothy Reynolds (Reynolds Upholstery).
- The Dress Out Room in Intake is being remodeled to make an additional an additional holding cell. Completion of this project is expected in approximately two weeks.
- The Page facility staff has been "classifying" inmates prior to their transfer to the Flagstaff facility. This has improved the customer service and made inmate processing more efficient by helping to assign inmates to housing units when they arrive in Flagstaff.

V. Support Services

- Sheriff's Office Facilities continues to work with the Detention Facility and contractors on the building of a Hogan for the Detention Facility
- The Information Technology Team is gearing up for an upgrade to our multi-agency Records Management System. They currently have machines set up across the agencies for individuals to "test" the new version.

VI. Criminal Investigations

- Detectives worked a case in which renters stole several guns, antiques, and tools from a rental property. Three of the guns have been recovered, and information has developed on a possible second burglary victim.
- Detectives are using DNA to identify a suspect from a burglary case in Munds Park that occurred in September 2006.
- Patrol and Criminal Investigations worked together to solve a burglary from the Williams District. The suspect was in our jail for another offense.
- Detectives presented evidence that resulted in a 10 count felony indictment on a suspect for theft, burglary and trafficking from thefts of Wright Construction and Ellsworth Construction
- Detectives presented evidence that resulted in a multi count child abuse indictment for an incident in Kachina in August 2006.